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REMARKS

The undersigned requests a personal interview with the Examiner in charge of this application to discuss the issues raised below.

Claims 1-16 were rejected as being indefinite because of informalities in claims 1 and 2. These have been corrected.

Claims 1-7 were rejected as being unpatentable over Blosser 3,795,254 in view of either Chandler or UK 2,377,879.

Claims 8-10 were rejected over the above art and further in view of Pulliam 3,698,029.

Claims 11-16 were rejected as being unpatentable over all of the above art and further in view of Rasmussen 5,597,001 or Price 6,648,008 (a total of either four or six references depending on whether the alternative references are counted).

Blosser has a salt removal spray device which uses an arrangement of pipes on the ground to provide a spray. The arrangement is not portable.

Chandler and the UK publication (both disclosing car wash apparatus) were each cited for portability.

Pulliam shows washing apparatus for nestable shopping carts which are run through a wash chamber mounted on wheels. A conveyor is employed. The reference was cited for portability. Actually, the contribution of this reference is not clear because in the present invention, the spraying portion of the apparatus is disassembled for transport and reassembled on a ground surface for use. In Pulliam, the cleaning apparatus is on a trailer and moved to where it can be used without moving any part of the apparatus to a ground surface.

Rasmussen and Price were cited for the containment vessel and the sump pump. In both references there is employed a containment for equipment to wash a vehicle, in order to collect the wash water.

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The present invention includes features which are not suggested or taught in any of the above references, and these include the ramps attached to cross connectors which are joined together through a manifold. The manifold has rotatable joints which allow the ramps to be laid flat on an uneven ground surface. Claim 1 has been amended to recite in detail the features of this arrangement.

Another feature which does not appear to be suggested or taught in the above art are the risers attached to the outside conduit sections which are adjustable. Depending claims 2-4 add the details of the risers.

The remaining depending claims recite details of the present invention which further distinguish over the art of record.

It should be pointed out that the claims recite in detail the configuration of the conduits when assembled on a ground surface for use, including the two center conduits, the outside conduit sections, and the manner by which they are interconnected, namely, using the cross connectors with the ramps attached, and the adjustable manifold joining the front ends of the center conduits. The undersigned is unable to find in any of the above references, either singly or in combination, any thing which would suggest this configuration which is unique and unobvious.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the claims in their present form are drawn to patentable subject matter and should be allowed.

A conscientious effort has been made to place this application in condition for immediate allowance. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned or Mr. Kroll if further changes are required to obtain allowance of the application.

A favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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